

Subject: Senate Bill 345

To: Senate Local Government Committee Members

From: John and Mary Lou Hauck

Date: Feb. 6, 2007

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST SENATE BILL 345

We are private citizens with a lot on the Bitterroot River. This property has been in our family for over 100 years. It has passed from grandparents to parents and now to us. If this bill becomes law our property becomes worthless. Our lot is 240 ft. deep from the high water mark. A 250 ft. setback takes away any chance of building on our lot. This is an unjust and unnecessary taking of our property without compensation.

A 250 foot setback is arbitrary and excessive. There is no need to take that much land. Setbacks should be based on site specific conditions and decided by local communities.

Mandated statewide zoning is not the answer!